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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants file herewith the above-identified application. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-1/8 and add the following new claims.

- 19. A nucleic acid capable of being specifically bound to a target protein of
- 20. The nucleic acid as claimed in claim 19, which nucleic acid is an RNA.